

### **REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to restrict them to the group elected for prosecution in a Reply filed simultaneously herewith and to avoid improper multiple dependency.

While the Examiner was willing to consider claims in Group I drawn to methods for producing compounds of formula (1) where  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  could be a heterocyclic group respectively or combined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, the claims have been limited to just the latter compounds.

Examination of claims 1, 2 and 4-12 is requested.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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